

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 under the heading "Cross Reference to Related Application", please amend the paragraph as follows:

The present application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 10/014,434 filed November 9, 2001 of the same name, now Patent No.       ,       ,        6,726,687, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/732,528 that was filed December 7, 2000, now Patent No.       ,       ,        6,454,772.

On Page 8, beginning on line 4, please make the following changes:

Fig. 12 is a fragmentary side elevational view showing the bone screw, rod, closure and closure set screw positioned in a ~~vertebrae~~ vertebra that is shown in cross-section.

Fig. 13 is a front elevational view of the bone screw, rod and closure shown mounted in a ~~vertebrae~~ vertebra that is shown in cross-section.

On page 9, beginning on line 8, please make the following changes:

The reference numeral 1 generally indicates a first embodiment of a medical implant in accordance with the present invention which is shown in Figures 1 to 8. The implant 1 includes a bone screw 5, a closure 6 for the bone screw and a rod 7. The implant is received in a ~~vertebrae~~ vertebra 9, typically in conjunction with other implants that are not shown. The

closure 6 also functions in conjunction with other open-headed implants, such as hooks and the like.

The bone screw 5 includes a shank 12 and a head 13. The shank 12 is threaded with a coarse flighting-like thread 16 that is threaded into the ~~vertebrae~~ vertebra 9 so as to secure and support the bone screw 5 and allow the head 13 to extend from the ~~vertebrae~~ vertebra 9.